

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte THOMAS KLOFTZ,
JAMES ANTHONY STAUDIGEL and GEORGE ENDEL DECKNER

Application 09/898,880

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 4, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An examination of the file reveals that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed December 11, 2001. It is not apparent from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and

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1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the Examiner's decision is required.

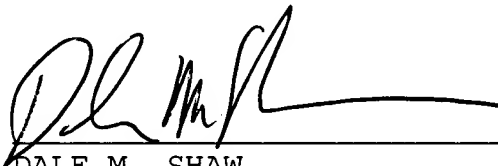
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

1. for consideration of the IDS filed December 11, 2001;
2. for written notification to appellants regarding the Examiner's decision; and
3. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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